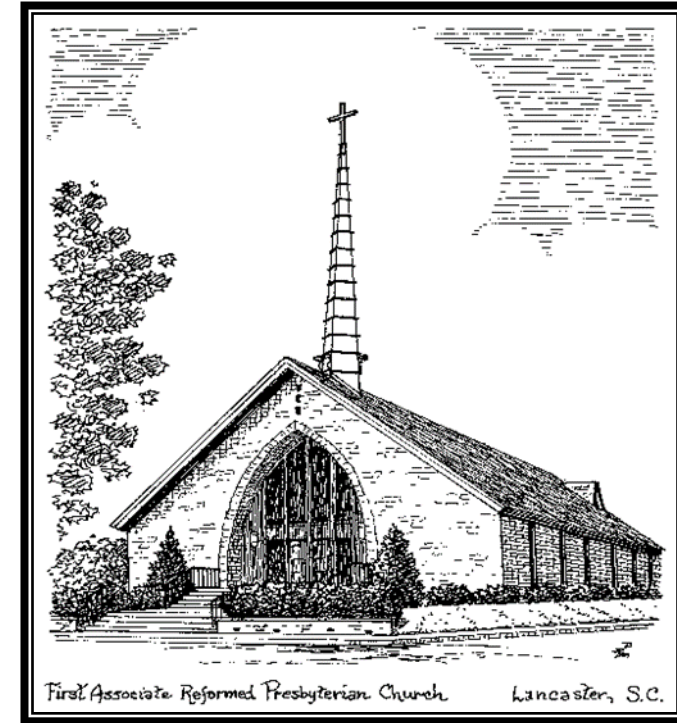


Volunteers

	April 29	May 6
Nursery	Kimberly Hefner	Susan Cauthen
Toddlers	Miranda Bohler	Holly Rivers
Greeters (F)	Richard & Lorri Crawford	Phillip & Stacey Pegram
(S)	Richard & Patricia Gardner	Joe & Debby Hegler
	April	May
Elders	Frank Brackett	Richard Gardner
	Buddy Lever	Sam Prete
Captain	Dave Mohr	Richard Shields
Ushers	Matthew Rivers	Barton Henley
	Richard Gardner	Mike Scruggs
	Tom Holland	Johnny Jones



Staff and Officers

STAFF		ELDERS	DEACONS
Pastor- Dr. Kyle E. Sims	2018	Ed Ogburn	Debbie Dickson
Pastoral Intern- Mr. Ethan McConnell		Richard Crawford	Keith Jaillette
Choir Director- Dr. Kristen Wunderlich	2019	Frank Brackett	Debby Hegler
Organist- Mrs. Amy Jones		Buddy Lever	Dave Mohr
Secretary- Mrs. Stacy Pokopac	2020	Richard Gardner	Daniel Bohler
		Sam Prete	Richard Shields

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Worship

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Call to Silent Prayer

Prelude

Mrs. Amy Jones

Welcome and Announcements

Dr. Kyle Sims

Choral Introit

Chancel Choir

“Even Now, Lord”

ENTERING WORSHIP

*Call to Worship

Psalm 47:1-2

Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy! For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared, a great king over all the earth.

*Invocation and Lord’s Prayer

Our Father Who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. *Amen.*

Hymn

Red Trinity Hymnal #345

“Glorious Things Of Thee Are Spoken ”

**stand as you are able*

Financials

April 22, 2018	
Attendance	78
General Fund	\$4,930
Total GF contributions this month	\$21,395
Average Monthly Budget requirement	\$19,214
Missions Fund	\$333
Congregational Care Fund	\$10
Appalachia missions trip	\$1,126

AUTOMATIC DRAFT Are you ready to take a step of faith? Sign up for a monthly draft of your giving. It is a serious commitment to set up your tithe to come out every month, but we are called to give from our first fruits. This is a tool to help you be faithful and regular in your giving to Christ and His church. For more information see Sam Huey.

Are you praying for your Ten List?

HOPE IN LANCASTER HOPE is currently seeking donations of healthy, non-perishable foods such as the following: Spaghetti Sauce, Canned Potatoes, Grits, Cereal, Instant Potatoes, Canned Tomatoes, Juice, & Jiffy Mix.

HOPE also has a Fresh and Healthy food initiative to provide healthier food options for their clients. Additional pantry needs include: Peanut Butter, Canned Salmon, Jelly, Canned Fruit, Canned Beef Stew, & Dry Pasta

Prayer Requests

First ARP

Ann Pokopac
Betty Allen
Carlyle & Mott Henley
Carol Nims- Presbyterian Home- Florence
Chic Whitlock- Morningside
Clara Nell Robinson
Erin Tindal
George Mason
I. W. Caskey
Katey Powell
Marilyn Duve
Mary Ella Jordan
Nancy Ogburn
Pat Carmichael
Pat Willis
Sally Lloyd
Tom Strickland

Church Planters

Ben Carver- Shem Creek ARP- Mt. Pleasant
Ian Wise-Pageland RPCNA
Matt Awtrey-Kings' Church- Irmo
Rob Turner- Arsenal Hill- Columbia

Missionaries

Phil & Sarah Baer- Wycliffe
Rebekah Carson-Germany
Mark & Natalie Witte-Spain

Military

Alex Coale- Japan
Dillon Coale- NAS Pensacola

Friends & Family

Andrew Brunson- Prison in Turkey
Charles and Annie Montgomery- Susan Prete's
Parents
Darrell Wayne Bristow- Pat McEachern's
Brother
Delphine Spinks- Geri Brazell's Sister
Donna Bohler- Daniel Bohler's Mom
Doris Hudson- Lorri Crawford's Mother
Dorothy Reese- Natalie Carmichael's Mother-
In-Law
Family of George Busch- Scots Kirk Presbyteri-
an Church
Gwen Furse- Friend of the Pokopac's
Jimmy Simpson- Mary Ella Jordan's Cousin
JoAnn Byrd-Patricia Gardner's Mother
Joan Pardue- Benny Brazell's Sister
John Christian Rozycki- Kristen Wunderlich's
Nephew
Judy Morrison- Aaron Morrison's Step-Mom
Louise Carpenter- Debbie Dickson's Mom
Mary Ginty-Katey Powell's Mother
Mary Musselwhite- Pat McEachern's Friend
Richard Harms and Family
Robert and Janice McClelland- Andrea Hen-
ley's Parents
Sandra Ginty- Katey Powell's Sister-In-Law
Shirley Parker- Brazell's Sister-In-Law

Prayer of Confession

We join the publican and cry out, "God, be merciful to me a sinner." We know the wrong that we have done in Your sight, the sins we have committed against You and our fellow man. We have taken actions that have hurt others and ourselves. Yet, we have also not done the good that we should. We have not helped our neighbor and not loved them as ourselves. Father, forgive us our sinful actions and our sinful inactions. Help us to hate our sin and to not grow weary of doing good and this for Your glory. *Amen.*

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 103:8-12

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will He keep His anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does He remove our transgressions from us.

***Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be.
World without end. Amen, amen.

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Chancel Choir

"O My Soul, Bless God the Father"

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Confession of Faith**

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic** and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**universal

MEANS OF GRACE

***Psalm**

Blue ARP Psalter #99A

“Let the Nations Tremble”

New Testament Scripture Reading

Pew Bible page 940

Romans 2:1-11

Prayer of Intercession

Children’s Sermon

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Scripture Reading

Pew Bible page 779

Micah 6:9-16

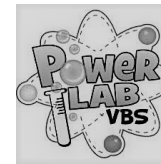
Sermon

“God Does Not Ignore the Wicked”



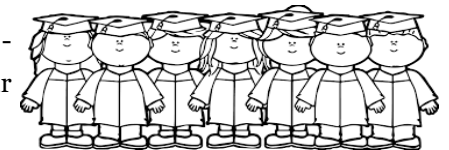
THANK YOU To all the ladies of the church, thank you for your efforts in preparing for and hosting this year’s Catawba Presbytery Meet and Greet. Your efforts in cleaning, food preparation, registration, and fellowship are greatly appreciated. We had 67 ladies from the Catawba Presbytery attend this event. Everyone enjoyed the speaker and the Presbytery quilt made a big impression. Several ladies from churches not represented on it have made plans to add their squares soon.

LUNCH BUNCH Enjoy food and fellowship as we meet Tuesday, May 8 at 11:30 at Seagull’s Grill. Please sign up on the bulletin board in front of the church office if you plan to attend.



VBS This year we will hold VBS Sunday, June 17- Thursday, June 21. If you are interested in helping with this year’s program , please contact Ethen McConnell. A signup sheet for volunteers is posted on the bulletin board across from the church office. Share the news with neighbors and friends so they can save the date. Registration for children will be open soon.

GRADUATION SUNDAY May 27 We will recognize our graduating high school seniors as well as our younger children moving up to new classrooms.



UPCOMING EVENTS

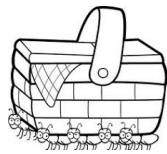
- May 8 Lunch Bunch
- May 9 Last Wednesday Family Night
- May 20 Church Picnic
- May 27 Graduation Sunday
- May 28 Office Closed
- Jun 17-21 VBS

Announcements



VISITORS Welcome to Lancaster First ARP. If you are a first time visitor, our ushers have a welcome packet for you. If you are a returning visitor, please fill out an attendance card from the pew in front of you so we may have a record of your visit. Offering envelopes are also available for your convenience.

WEDNESDAY FAMILY NIGHT Only two weeks left! Join us for Wednesday night supper followed by classes for all ages. Supper is served at 5:45 and classes begin at 6:30. The cost is \$3 each or \$10 per family. Checks to BUTCH GHENT are accepted. Please sign up on the bulletin board in front of the church office by Tuesday.



CHURCH PICNIC We will have our annual church picnic Sunday, May 20. Worship will be held in the Fellowship Hall followed by a covered dish meal. There will be no Coffee Fellowship or Sunday School classes. Casual dress is encouraged.

MEETING TIME CHANGES Jean Love Circle will hold their next meeting Monday, April 30 at 4PM. Alison Erskine Circle will meet Sunday, May 6 at 5:30PM. Deacons will meet Sunday, May 6 at 7PM. Session will meet Sunday, May 20 at 9:15AM.



DINNERS FOR EIGHT Registration for the next session is now closed. Once groups have been formed you will be given the names and contact information for your fellow group members are. You will then make contact with each other to determine your first host, meeting date, time and location. Have fun! Contact Marilyn Duve with questions.



Prayer of Application

RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

*Hymn

Blue ARP Psalter #59A

“Free Me, My God”

*Free Offer of the Gospel

*Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

“Benediction”

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LEAVING WORSHIP

*Congregational Response

Song Supplement #1

May the peace of God our heav’nly Father, and the grace of Christ the risen Son,
And the fellowship of God the Spirit keep our hearts and minds within His love,
And to Him be praise for His glorious reign. From the depths of earth to the heights of heav’n
We declare the name of the Lamb once slain, Christ Eternal, the King of Kings.

*The Greeting of the Congregation

Taking the Gospel To the World

Proverbs 3:7-8

Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord, and turn away from evil. It will be healing to your flesh and refreshment to your bones.

Sermon Notes

Text: Micah 6:9-16

Title: "God Does Not Ignore the Wicked"

Prayer Emphasis

Andrew Brunson

Praise that he was moved to a better prison

Pray for strength

Pray for Freedom

Hospitality in our lives

Pray that we will open up our homes and lives

Pray that this will encourage fellow Christians

Pray that it will show Christ to the lost

Ten List

Pray that God will lead them to Salvation

Pray they will come to our church

Pray we will be consistent in praying and working

Mayoral Race

Pray that God will give us the leader we need

Pray that they will honor the Lord

Community Kids

Pray that our hearts will remain soft to them

Pray that we will love mercy and kindness

Pray that we will bless them in Christ

Pray they will know Christ

Afflictions

Pray for those with Physical illness and injury

Pray for those who are hard pressed

Pray for those who are grieving

Pray for those who need Christ

Sister Churches

Iglesia Biblica Latinoamerica- Columbia, SC

King's Church Mission- Columbia, SC

Pastor's Corner

April 29, 2018

It is time for us to rethink our Men's ministry. In the past we have had prayer breakfasts, prayer suppers, early morning book studies, fellowship lunches and Fellowship suppers. For various reasons these have been discontinued. There is a real need for the men of our congregation to gather for prayer, bible study, and fellowship.

We need this fellowship at many levels. Some need to be challenged by a weekly gathering that studies and discusses issues and topics about Bible, Theology, and Christian living. Some need to meet a couple times a month for prayer and fellowship. Some need a monthly gathering to make and maintain connections to the other men of the church.

Men are especially vulnerable in our present time. Many men are leaving church and this is leaving us with a lack of leadership and resources. It is leaving families without their spiritual leader. It is leaving Lancaster without light of what it means to truly be a man and walk with your God. This is a need we must address in our church.

How do we address a need such as this? To me, the best way is for us to have a dinner this summer at a time convenient for the majority of our men. This would give us a time to enjoy fellowship, study the Bible, pray, and discuss what we can do and what we want to do together as the men of First ARP Church.

Men, check your schedules and lets find a time. Who would like to cook for this supper? Who wants to lead the devotion? Who wants to lead the prayer time? Who among you has an idea for what we could do on a regular basis? The time is now for us to move forward on this. It is time for us to gather as men that we might encourage each other to be men in Christ.

Dr. Kyle E. Sims
Pastor

Young Worshipers

During the worship service your youngest children should draw pictures of what they hear and see in the appropriate boxes, while older children ought to take written notes.

<u>Scripture Text and Title</u>	<u>My Favorite Hymn From This Week</u>
<u>Sermon Points</u>	<u>What I Learned Today?</u>
<u>Things To Pray For</u>	<u>How Will I Obey God's Word?</u>

May 2018

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

29	30 4:00 JL Circle	1	2 5:45 Supper 6:30 Classes 7:30 Choir	3	4 7:00 Youth Break- fast	5
6 5:30 AE Circle 6:00 Youth group 7:00 Diaconate	7 1:30 JRP Circle	8 11:30 Lunch Bunch	9 5:45 Supper 6:30 Classes 7:30 Choir	10	13 7:00 Youth break- fast (last one until August)	14
13	14	15	16 7:30 Choir	17	20	21
20 9:15 Session 11:00 Church Picnic	21	22	23 7:30 Choir	24	27	28
27 MISSIONS Graduation Sunday 12:00 Youth Lunch	28 	29	30 7:30 Choir	31		

ANNIVERSARIES

19- Daniel & Miranda Bohler
22- Richard & Lorri Crawford

BIRTHDAYS

3- Emily Prete
9- Mia Estrada
12 Kendall Roach
18- Jennifer Jaillette
25- Richard Gardner
26- Corinne Brackett
28- Richard Crawford
30- Chris Peterson
31- Jon Dix

NORMAL SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:15 Officer Meeting
9:30 Coffee Fellowship
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship